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STRANDED HAWAIIANS.

Morris Keohokalole is a type. It did not occur to him, probably, when he found himself deserted and stranded in Washington, to go to work and earn his living. Assuredly there was plenty to do. Washington papers have want columns and there is always a chance to get a job on the streets, the river or the railroad. But Morris had not been brought up to labor. He is a husky fellow but it appears that he preferred, when his \$100 a month job as Kubi's secretary was taken from him, to join a colony of tramps and live in outbuildings, hoping that, in some way or other, money would come from home. And there he is today with a hard winter ahead and his chronic indisposition to work growing on him. Strolling danciers and guitar players have had the same experience over and over again. Once stranded they will stay so until somebody throws them a lifeline.

Men like Keohokalole are not wholly to blame, however, for their helplessness. There have been so many years of good times here that the natives as a class have not been compelled to get down to toll. For them living has been too easy for their good, the fields yielding taro and the sea fish for their simple wants and food and shelter being held and distributed in the communal spirit. Then again the schools have given the most of them a disqualifying education—knowledge of things that could not help them much in the struggles of life. But in all these respects things are changing. The gospel of work is enforcing itself among Hawaiians to relieve hard times and the school that has most to do with their training is teaching them trades. They are getting, or are in the way of finding, the good which comes from adversity; also the openings in life which they are best qualified to fill. Little can be done for the Keohokalole generation; but much is being done for the generation which is now coming on. There is not going to be so many poor Hawaiian lawyers, preachers, teachers, surveyors and politicians in the future, so far as the schools can influence a change, as there will be good Hawaiian carpenters, painters, printers, blacksmiths, wheelwrights, paper-hangers, masons, bricklayers and farmers. A few years from now, if all goes well, a young Hawaiian who finds himself strapped anywhere will have not only the ability to earn his living but the disposition to do so.

THE KOREA.

It may be fairly assumed that the owners of the Korea, being apprised early of the Skrydloff blockade, made haste to send a fast boat from some Japanese port, Kobe perhaps, to warn her of trouble ahead and change her course.

This would be the natural thing to do, one entirely practicable in its details. Indeed, the United States Government might co-operate in such a matter as the easiest way to avoid complications with Russia. There are supposed to be some gunboats at Shanghai which could make a rapid run to intercept the big American liner.

There is danger, however, that the Vladivostok squadron has gone to meet the Korea. Skrydloff could not have been near Yokohama when the St. Hubert arrived, nor has he been reported by the Japanese scout boats for two days.

Iaukea seems to forget, judging from a half-inch idea which he stretches to a column or two of words in the Bulletin, that men who could have come back here in 1900 from a Democratic National Convention and make speeches for their "peerless leader, William Cullen Bryant," are quite capable of making Roosevelt speeches at a Democratic caucus in 1904.

In many parts of the United States wardens are employed to fight forest fires. Here such fires are often left to burn themselves out. This appears to have been the case up Palolo way with bad results to some valuable growths on the watershed.

Japan seems to have plenty of friends in the St. Petersburg navy yards and machine shops, where a constant succession of fires has delayed the preparations of the Baltic fleet.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Kanagawa Maru left Seattle on the 2nd of July and must have arrived there before the Vladivostok ships put in an appearance.

The man who wrote the spotted skirt letter to the Advertiser might easily have made the Roosevelt speech.

THE YOUNG MAN AND THE CHURCH.

Mr. Edward Bok has recently written an article in "The Outlook" on "The Young Man and the Church," the chief value of which, according to Current Literature, lies in the fact that, like an article he wrote nine years ago on the same topic, it has stimulated prolific discussion. Mr. Bok's conclusion seems to be that "The young man'll come fast enough if you give him something to come for."

Among the replies that have been elicited, a Harvard undergraduate suggests that in Cambridge, where the college chapel is accessible to nearly three thousand students, and where "The preachers who occupy the pulpit are among the most eminent in the country—such men as Dr. Lyman Abbott, Dr. Henry van Dyke, and Dr. Washington Gladden. . . one will not find in the morning chapel an average attendance of more than a hundred and fifty out of the large student body." He raises the question whether the scientific spirit, which pervades all modern life, has not "had much to do with creating in the young men an indifference toward the whole subject of religion."

But the most important service Mr. Bok has rendered is in calling forth a reply from Rev. James E. Freeman, of Yonkers, N. Y. Dr. Freeman is known as the projector of and enthusiastic worker in Hollywood Inn, an institution maintained for the purpose of supplying for young men the social advantages the Church fails to give, and which the saloon too often alone provides. Dr. Freeman says:

"Men and women make religion effective or ineffective by the way they interpret its teachings; and when the man who employs labor exercises toward all men in his service a spirit of Christian generosity and consideration, he will be doing more to fill the churches with men than he does now by his large gifts to its treasury. . . A bolder interpretation of religion is needed, in which we shall tell men that no gift, no matter how great, can ever serve as a substitute for religion in all the contacts of daily life." In seeking the causes of the indifference of young men to the Church, Dr. Freeman finds them deeper than mere questions of the oratory of preachers, the sinful habits of the young men, or the opposition to hearing the condemnation of some special pleasure. He urges that "Indifference to Church habits on the part of our youth is largely due to what one might call paganizing Christianity, a sort of weak, flabby, devitalized form of religion that satisfies itself with the aesthetics and not the realities of faith."

MACHINE RULE.

George A. Knight is a lawyer, a worker and an orator, but he ventures much in running for the United States Senate in California without the advice or consent of the State political machine. Instead he appeals to "the people," who have tacitly consented to let the machine represent them in political matters. Unless a miracle happens he will appeal in vain; for a machine, when paramount, only elects those who are a part of it and have been serviceable to it, irrespective of their mental and moral worth.

As President Jordan points out in "The Voice of the Scholar," a monarchy, more than a democracy, makes use of its best men. A democracy is distrustful of wisdom and skill; a monarchy is all the time seeking out such qualities and rewarding them with opportunity. Here in the United States indifference to great men has been increased by the habit of all-powerful machines of providing substitutes for them. Great men as a rule—though there are exceptions to prove it—will not bow to political bosses, hence the bosses provide second-rate men to act the statesman's part. That has been done over and over again in California where a long line of nonentities—present company always excepted—have stood for it in the national Senate. The late C. P. Huntington was not a safe man in politics but it was not that which kept him from high political preferment. He was opposed because he was the ablest man in the West, though the machine was ready enough to accept his partner, the weak and complaisant Stanford. Horace Davis would dignify the Senate; so would John P. Young, the little known managing editor of the Chronicle; so would George A. Knight; so would a dozen others who have brains and character. But in the ordinary course of things they will have no show. The machine must have some one it can control.

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The Government band gave a concert last evening on the lawn at the residence of Prince and Princess Kawānanakoa. A large number of chairs were arranged near the band for the benefit of spectators.

MEETING OF THE COUNTY ACT COMMISSIONERS

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act conceding the Governor's right to appoint the Board of Supervisors; then create a road board or road boards in each county to be elected by the people, giving them the right to expend public moneys in the care of the roads, etc. Then let an attack be made upon these boards, and if the Supreme Court should hold that they were legally constituted, the next legislature would then amend the County law and make the Board of Supervisors an elected body. If the Supreme Court should hold that the Governor should appoint these road boards, then we could go to Congress for an amendment of the Organic Act, and Congress would then take up the matter as it would then clearly appear that there is no other remedy open to the people.

Mr. Smith suggested calling the Boards of Supervisors a Council so as to get around the word boards.

ORGANIC ACT AGAIN.

Judge Dole said: "My idea is growing in this direction. The word board is used in its general sense. These provisions are for the Territorial government. Everything in the act, with the exception of this provision for County government, is a series of enactments for the carrying on of the Territorial government. I believe this section in regard to boards can be properly construed as belonging to the main, or Territorial, government, and I don't think it meant any other but the main government. It has no allusion to any government that may be created in the future. Think of the ridiculous and absurd condition we reach if we apply it the other way. There may be a little township in Puna which is to have a board of supervisors and to say that that board should be appointed by the Governor, sounds ridiculous and has no force, and I don't believe there is any possibility of our Supreme Court giving it any consideration at all."

Chairman Cooper: "I feel the same way. Our Supreme Court had the opportunity to decide that question but did not choose to take it up, making the test issue on other matters."

Judge Dole: "It is unfortunate that it was not done then."

Mr. Stewart: "If the Commission could only look into the minds of Messrs. Hatch and Hartwell and Chief Justice Frear and see what they have stored up there about the County Act we could easily steer our craft."

Mr. Emmeluth: "The personnel of the Supreme Court, and it is to be hoped that it is better than it was before. I endorse the views of Judge Dole as far as he expresses himself on section 80 of the Organic Act regarding the provisions made for the main government. He has expressed my views more lucidly than I could myself."

Adjournment was then taken to 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, August 2.

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